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SUBJECT: MEETING OF JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

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1. COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR SIERRA CALLED NOVEMBER 9 ON DEPTOFFS TO CONVEY SPANISH RESPONSE TO US SUGGESTIONS FOR JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING (REFTEL). ON INSTRUCTIONS SIERRA SAID GOS WOULD PREFER TO HAVE ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ COME TO MADRID FOR MEET'G IN JANUARY. AS PERSONAL COMMENT, SIERRA ADDED THAT THIS DELAY WOULD GIVE REPLACEMENT FOR MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL BASSOLS TIME TO FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH BILATERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN ADVANCE OF JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING.

2. DEPTOFFS TOOK NOTE OF SPANISH SUGGESTION AND SAID THEY WOULD INFORM US CO-CHAIRMAN. DEPTOFFS OFFERED PERSONAL VIEW THAT US RESPONSE MIGHT BE DELAYED BY UNCERTAINTIES REGARDING TRAVEL OR MEETINGS IN JANUARY ARISING FROM TRANSITION TO NEW ADMINISTRATION.

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3. REQUEST EMBASSY COMMUNICATE OUR AGREEMENT TO POSTPONEMENT
TO GOS EMPHASIZING LIKELY DIFFICULTY OF JANUARY DATES. KISSINGER

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